

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Jim "Smitty" Smith, after graduating from Yankton High School and The University of South Dakota, began a distinguished career as a music educator, covering more than four decades; and,

Whereas, In 1982, Smitty became O'Gorman High School's band director and built the band from a 60-member group to 152 students registered for the 2009-2010 school year; and,

Whereas, Smitty served as Audition Chairman for All-State Band for 22 years, served as site chairman for the 50th and 58th annual All-State Band, and was a member of the Festival of Bands Committee for 20 years; and,

Whereas, Throughout Smitty's career, he has been honored with numerous awards for his generous gifts of time and talent, having been named South Dakota Outstanding Bandmaster in 1998, Honorary Grand Marshal of the Festival of Bands in 2000, inducted into the Yankton High School Fine Arts Hall of Fame in 2003, received the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota High School Activities Association in 2005, and the Distinguished Service Award from Phi Beta Mu International Bandmaster Fraternity in 2008, to mention a few highlights; and,

Whereas, Smitty served as Master of Ceremonies and Assistant Conductor of the Sioux Falls Municipal Band for 10 years; and,

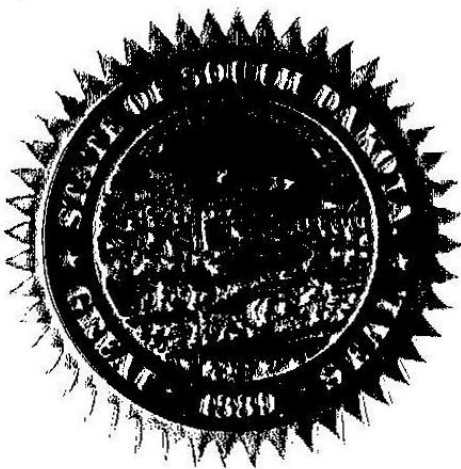
Whereas, In March 2009, Smitty announced to the O'Gorman High School students, faculty, and administration of his intent to retire at the end of the school year; and,

Whereas, Smitty's 42-year teaching career will be celebrated with a reception on June 19, 2009, allowing his students, colleagues, family, and friends to show their respect and gratitude:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2009, as

JIM "SMITTY" SMITH DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family, colleagues, students, and friends in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State